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CASA talks leave many unsatisfied

DAVID ZEIBIN
Editor-in-Chief

Tuesday's Students' Council meeting promised to resolve the Students' Union's possible withdrawal from national student lobby group CASA, but after many hours of presentation, Q&A and procedural difficulties, both sides were still left feeling unsatisfied.

Although Council was scheduled to debate a motion to withdraw from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Tuesday night, the motion was postponed to the 3 December Council Meeting to allow for an informational presentation from CASA representatives.

But because a previous SU political policy pledged the U of A's allegiance to CASA, the representatives' presentation was dropped while Council debated rescinding the policy. Instead, Council invited the group to actively participate in the discussion.

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PEEK-A-BOO! This civil twilight is playing the 'Plant. Details on page 15.

PATRICK FINLAY

Women with heavy periods lose earnings each year, says study

Study finds women lose an average of \$1692 US per year due to heavy menstrual bleeding problems

KERRY PRECHT
News Writer

Women who experience heavy menstrual bleeding are also losing money, says a recent U of A study.

Using data from a US survey, Dr David Cumming and his colleagues, Isabelle Côté of the U of A Institute of Health Economics and Philip Jacobs from the U of A Department of Health Sciences, found that women with heavy menstrual periods miss an estimated 3.6 weeks of work and lose an average of \$1692 US per year.

Cumming, the study's principal investigator and a professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the U of A, said heavy menstrual bleeding is one of the most common problems encountered by gynecologists: heavy bleeding is the cause of 40 per cent of gynecological consultations and one of the top four reasons for consulting a family physician.

"What we wanted to do was find out what that cost the patient in certain terms, and one of those terms was economic terms," said Cumming.

He likened heavy menstrual bleeding, or heavy periods to the point of incapacitation, to chronic illnesses such as arthritis. While it can be dealt with more effectively than most, he stressed that heavy bleeding is, nonetheless, a chronic illness, something that has gone largely unrecognized.

"I think heavy periods are an underrated problem," he said.

The team compiled data from the 1999 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), an extensive survey of the United States that includes both health and economic information.

The NHIS was the most valuable choice, as statistics linking heavy menstrual bleeding and economics are not easily found.

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DR DAVID CUMMING, PROFESSOR,
OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Cumming pointed out \$1692 in economic loss per year is not a measured figure, but a "reasonably accurate" estimate, and said that, while they were not able to estimate the impact on the patient at home, "clearly if you're unable to work at your job, the likelihood is you're unable to work at home as well."

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SU will call for fully funded tuition freeze

JENNIFER PABLIANO
News Editor

The Students' Union will be pushing for a fully funded tuition freeze in its lobbying efforts this year.

Students' Council approved the freeze as the official SU position on Tuesday night.

The position was recommended by the Tuition Task Force, the SU committee dealing with tuition-related issues.

"We wanted a freeze because students indicated that this is what they want, and this Students' Union is about representing students," said Anand Sharma, Vice-President (External) and a member of the Tuition Task Force.

"We're saying that [the tuition increase] isn't OK. This is a principled stance against [the increase], and we're saying a fully funded tuition freeze can be done."

The SU will be lobbying both the administration and the provincial government for the freeze and the accompanying funding.

"We feel that the government has not done their part, and has to start putting money back into post-secondary education," said Sharma.

"Out of the ten provinces, we are eighth in funding students. We also realize that the administration has misapplied millions of dollars and that is part of the reason for the increases."

U of A opens first sports management institute in Canada

Institute aims to produce top research and researchers in the practical management of sports teams and events

BRENDAN PROCE
Sports Editor

Ah, athletics. An unkempt universe where the pros are paid too much, university jobs are often left to themselves, and bodies like the International Olympic Committee convince the everyday that organized sports are just corrupt, disorganized old boys clubs.

To that end, the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation is establishing the International Institute for the Study of Sport Management (IISSM). The Institute, unique in Canada, will officially launch Friday, 22 November with presentations and a reception at the Stollery Centre's west meeting room, inside the School of Business, beginning at 1pm.

"The Institute will study everything from marketing to stadiums to getting people to attend sporting events," said Dr Michael Mauws, one of IISSM's four full-time faculty members. The institute has existed informally since September 2001.

From their 2001-2002 annual report, IISSM's objectives are to become the world leader in sport management

research and to be tops in training sports management researchers.

"There's a rapidly increasing demand for sports management programs on US campuses," said Mauws, on gauging the need for the Institute in Canada.

"The research has always been done, and now we've assembled critical mass, full-fledged commitment."

Academically, the Institute already has 15 students, all doing graduate or PhD programs. Twice that is projected for 2006, with a quarter of those students hailing from outside Canada, in accordance with the program's international focus.

With funding usually a good indicator of the need for a program, the need for IISSM must be immense. As renovations currently near completion in the west wing of the Van Vleet Centre, offices are bright and spacious, and the technology is top rung: in one area there's a cluster of sleek-looking black computers, with matching flat screens. Further, the Institute is headed by Canada's lone Canada Research Chair in Sports Management, Dr Trevor Slack.

"It's an part an initiative by the federal government to attract researchers to Canada," said Slack. With \$204,000 in grant money from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Slack and Mauws will be studying the evolving role of athletics organizations in transitional economies.

"We're investigating the shift from state-socialist economies like Lithuania, China and Yugoslavia, to that of market-led economies," said Slack.

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Dr Trevor Slack, IISSM head and Canada Research Chair in Sport Management.

PATRICK FINLAY

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Sunday A mix of sun and cloud, William of Orange leads Glorious Revolution; High -3, Low -7
Source: Environment Canada



From the archives

In what the Gateway termed a "precedent-setting case," an unnamed prof of the department of education and psychology was found guilty of sexually harassing a student. The investigation commenced after complaints were made by six female graduate students against eight different staff members in the department. Only one of the six complaints was found to be warranted, and the guilty professor was fined \$2000 and suspended for six months without pay. He faced complaints from all six students, which included conduct in class and "inappropriately provided psychological therapy."

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SU event takes aim at University misspending

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Associate News Editor

The SU kicked off their 12 Ways of University Misspending campaign on Wednesday, following the announcement that the SU will be countering the University's tuition increase and differential fees proposal with demands for an immediate tuition freeze.

During the campaign, the SU will release one example of what they consider to be administration misspending per day for twelve business days. The unveilings take place at noon on the main floor of SUB, west of the food court. Hudema says students should attend the unveilings to learn more.

"If [the U of A administration] were just to spend in line with their peers across, we would see a tuition rollback on campus."

MIKE HUDEMA, SU PRESIDENT

"We just want to let students know where their tuition dollars are going," he said. "And hopefully they'll be just as concerned as us when they see them."

They hope this campaign will bring to light the various areas in which the



PATRICK FINLAY

PULLING AT PURSESTRINGS SU President Mike Hudema says the U of A administration is overspending.

SU feels the University is needlessly overspending.

Hudema says if spending were cut back, the University would find \$50 million dollars in savings, although he did not have any specifics on exactly where the money would come from in the budget.

The SU first started investigating University spending habits in 1999. Using data from the Canadian Association of University Business

Officers, the SU compared U of A spending habits with those of its top five peers (McGill, UBC, Toronto, Western, and Montréal).

The SU study showed that the University of Alberta outspends its peers in administrative costs by more than five million dollars each year, particularly in the areas of furniture and equipment, professional fees, and travel expenses.

Since then, the SU has been pres-

suring the University to look into lowering its own expenditures before resorting to tuition increases.

But so far, the SU has had little luck convincing them, and according to Hudema, it is seriously affecting the accessibility of education at the U of A.

"If [the U of A administration] were just to spend in line with their peers across, we would see a tuition rollback on campus," said Hudema.

Gender research can be risky, says researcher

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While the figure was obtained using American data, he suspects that Canadian data would have produced similar results.

"The social systems [of Canada and the US] are clearly not identical, but I think the same sort of principles apply—that there would be loss of income," said Cumming.

The study also found that women who reported heavy menstrual bleeding to the NHS were generally younger, less likely to be Caucasian, and less educated.

More educated women may be able to understand the problem and deal with it much better, explained Cumming, and Caucasian women may report less incidences of heavy bleeding due to hormonal differences.

Kaysi Kushner, assistant director for the Institute of Gender and Health, a gender research funding organization, said economic studies like Cumming's are necessary to examine how women's health fits into the larger picture of the workforce and the health care system.

"It's a recognition that the health of employees, men or women, bears not only on the quality of their own lives. It is relevant to our health care system in terms of cost, and also importantly, the cost of doing business," said Kushner. "It gives a heads up to employers to take a look at really putting in some good policies and practices."

But Kushner also warned that studies like these can be manipulated for other aims.

"The default in science research has been that the male body was considered the norm and the female abnormal. If we don't ask gender specific questions, we risk being put back into that space."

KAYSI KUSHNER,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
INSTITUTE OF GENDER AND HEALTH

"The risks involved in any kind of research that looks at gender or cul-

tural differences is that those kind of findings can be used against the very groups for who they are intended to help," she said. "That kind of information can be flipped back to blame the problems on the group."

"The counter-argument is ... all people aren't the same people," said Kushner.

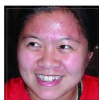
"Questions need to be asked and examined where relevant, and to not do that overlooks important differences. The default in science research has been that the male body was considered the norm and the female abnormal. If we don't ask gender specific questions, we risk being put back into that space."

Cumming's study appeared in the October issue of *Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

STREETERS

A political science class recently went out to a Canadian military base to learn from soldiers who carry out foreign policy firsthand

Has a course ever gone above and beyond requirements to help you learn the material?



Audrey Chen
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For my phys ed class, we actually got to go out in wheelchairs and try to access buildings with them. This basically taught us how people were able to access them or if they couldn't.

There were certain parts that were hard, and there were certain areas that you couldn't access without going around, and sometimes the elevators weren't big enough. Another time we actually had people come in who had these disabilities—very famous athletes who had disabilities—and we were shown how they coped.

In Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, they make trips to Hawaii to look at different types of lava flows and we were invited to do that if we wanted to put in the time: the instructor brought it up as a possibility. Most of the work I do is in mathematics and economics, so there's not much room for extracurricular activities.

I'm in a psychology of art class right now, and our teacher is bringing in some drawing aspects, and that is above and beyond because it's not really a requirement of the course. It's about learning how to read paintings and read music; she brings in music and slides.

I found that in Arts this doesn't happen a lot, and I don't think it adversely affects the quality of instruction, but my experience has just been in-class work and learning. We had guest speakers: my Canadian politics professor is bringing in a number of speakers to talk about the workings of government. I think it's important to bring external people and institutions into the university to help broaden our experiences in school.

Compiled and photographed by Derwin Cheng and Iainlich

Both sexes run business the same way, says prof

JOSCELYN ARMSTRONG
News Writer

While it's often been thought that men and women organize business differently, Jennifer Cliff has found that's not the case.

Cliff, an assistant professor at the U of A School of Business, recently finished a research project investigating the fundamental differences between male- and female-run small businesses. In the end, the data surprised the researchers.

"Male and female business owners appear to be organizing and managing their firms in the same way," said Cliff. "[Both] were managing with a mix of gender-neutral reactions."

According to Cliff, this means that both men and women showed masculine and feminine characteristics in running their businesses. This was so surprising because the interviewers saw an apparent difference in how male and females talked about management, yet the numbers showed only similarities in how the businesses were run.

Research started with a look at 229 different businesses from a variety of industries. All of the 141 male owners and 88 female owners sat down for a 50- to 80-minute question session. Most questions were asked in yes or no form, and looked at how each individual business owner ran their company.

In order to qualify for the interview, businesses had to have more than five employees, could not be a franchise, had to have been open for business by the spring of 1995, and had to be managed by at least one of the primary owners.

Through the interviews, Cliff said they were able to see whether certain practices were more on the masculine or feminine side of doing things.

In one question, explains Cliff, business owners were asked how they viewed their employees to view them. Female business owners tended to want to be viewed as nurturing toward those who worked for them, while



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS Jennifer Cliff says the sexes do business the same.

most male owners wanted to be viewed as having control over their employees and their company.

According to Cliff, men tend to view the business world as a hierarchy in which one should try one's hardest to climb to the top of the corporate ladder. In contrast, a woman generally aims to minimize the space between the subversive workers and those in charge.

In another analysis, Cliff and the other researchers involved in the project looked at growth trends. The firms owned by men seemed to grow faster and tended to be bigger than the firms owned by women. Females tended to show more caution than men, said Cliff, and generally had no desire to turn their company into a large corporation.

The opportunity to pursue this project came to Cliff while living in Vancouver, British Columbia, where the research took place. While Cliff was attending the University of British

Columbia to obtain her PhD, her advisor received a grant to study entrepreneurship among women. Cliff became highly involved in the project and went on to produce a number of research papers related to the subject.

Cliff's research group will be conducting further study over the next few years as to whether the so-called masculine and feminine characteristics studied helped or hindered the businesses in question.

Future studies will be carried out by Cliff with the help of a research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

This fund will go towards researching whether there is a gender difference in access to the venture capital a company needs to get off its feet.

"It's not what you know, it's who you know," said Cliff.

"If women don't know the right people, they may be denied access to financial capital."

Sharma set to focus on provincial issues instead

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The SU would be unable to bring forth a motion to withdraw if the policy remained on the books.

However, various councillors and members of the Students' Union Executive affirmed that the debate was not to be about the merits of CASA but over the validity of having a policy aligning the SU with an external organization.

As Council battled through a procedural nightmare of amendments and motions to postpone, the assembly eventually chose to reinstate the presentation and leave the political policy for later consideration.

During the presentation, CASA representatives aimed to clarify issues they perceived as myths or misconceptions about the organization, leaving time for councillors to quiz the panel on a myriad of issues ranging from membership fees to voting structure, from previous successes to the straightforward benefits of being a member of a national organization.

Also discussed during the debate was the withdrawal of Grant MacEwan College's Student Association from CASA. On Monday evening, Grant MacEwan College (GMC) made a decision to withdraw from the organization, sending a clear message that the GMC Student Association was unhappy with their membership with the national lobbying group.

Although much ground was covered

during the Council meeting, neither side seemed to indicate any satisfaction with the outcome.

"I feel tonight, and even last night, that we're very much on the defensive... So, you feel a lack of accomplishment when you feel that a lot of the questions are always about what you haven't accomplished or what your problems are," explained CASA Communications Coordinator Erin Stevenson.

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ERIN STEVENSON, CASA COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

"They don't tend to focus on successes, and where you're going forward. And is there an opportunity to fix things here?"

U of A SU VP (External) Anand Sharma also expressed frustration with the proceedings.

"I don't think councillors understand the complexity of the argument, and the ones falls upon me to clearly outline [the issue] over the next few weeks," said Sharma.

The issues of "fixing things" and change have presented themselves as roadblocks for Sharma, who presented CASA with a document entitled "The Winds Are Changing Again" at previous national conferences, a collection of recommendations that he felt would help CASA align itself with issues of concern to U of A students.

Even though CASA representatives maintain that many of Sharma's concerns have been addressed, he says they haven't gone as far as he would like, conceding that the issues in question were more of provincial concern, and that efforts should be focused there instead of on the national stage.

"In the consultation I do, most people don't know about CASA and most people don't care about national lobbying," said Sharma.

"When you ask them about issues they're concerned about it's tuition, it's differential tuition, it's the student loan program, but both the Alberta and Canada student loan program."

"These are the issues that students are talking about. Does CASA address those issues? No. Does that mean we should be pumping in more money to national lobbying when provincial lobbying is clearly needed in those areas? No."

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U of A students get rare access to military base

NEIL PARMAR
News Writer

One would assume gaining access to a restricted military base is nearly impossible, especially after 11 September. So how was it that I and a group of 60 university students from Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg made it into one of the largest live-fire training bases in the western hemisphere?

We were invited.

"I simply received the call from [the National Defence Public Affairs office] and thought students might be interested in a little more first-hand exposure to the issues we discuss in the classroom," said political science professor Tom Keating.

"Whenever possible, students should try to get exposure to people who actually lived the experiences we discuss in class.... At the very least, it gives them a fuller picture of what's involved, in this case, in Canada's participation in international military operations."

Eleven of Keating's students were quick enough to sign up for the trip to the Canadian Forces Base (CFB) in Suffield, Alberta. At 4am, we got on the bus for a six-hour ride to the base, imagining the tanks, guns and artillery, eager to catch a glimpse of the same world our soldiers lived in day after day.

Training in Suffield was the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, one of the Canadian Army's land force groups in western Canada. Unlike regular visitors, who are only allowed access to a small public space on the base, officers from the brigade took students through a tour of their daily routines on site followed by a live-fire simulation. The simulations replicated some of the tactics used during the

brigade's anti-terrorism mission to Afghanistan earlier this year, and as the Brigade Group would be leaving for peacekeeping duties in Bosnia-Herzegovina in March 2003, we were able to see their preparations for this mission firsthand.

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**TOM KEATING, PROFESSOR,
POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Entering the base, we found it barren, completely treeless (I later found out only half a dozen trees acted as landmarks for CFB maps), and spanned over 2690 square km across southeastern Alberta. Being almost two-thirds the size of Prince Edward Island, military officers had divided the CFB into four distinct zones: a military training area, a communications headquarters, a protected national wildlife area, an oil-extraction site, and an area reserved for Defense Research and Development Canada, where experimental research is conducted using biological and chemical agents.

After Capt Klimaszewski welcomed students into a debriefing area, he handed us a series of waivers detailing the dangers inherent to the base, including the potential threat of armed bombs and artillery shells in what he classified "Class 3 areas."

"Don't try and take any souvenirs

home," he warned. "The British and the Canadian armies shoot lots and lots of ammunition into Class 3 areas. Two years ago, an armoured vehicle drove over a one hundred pound artillery shell probably [once] fired by me. Luckily, only one guy lost his leg because the vehicle they were in was heavily armoured."

Klimaszewski added that both Canadian and British military personnel are required to clean up artillery sites following each firing session in addition to mandatory annual clean-ups.

Currently, the Canadian federal government only funds ten per cent of the CFB, while the British government finances most of the remaining amount. In return for their financial assistance, the British army was allowed to occupy a significant portion of the base and now employs over 200 permanent military officers.

After a meal (which was rationed individually in pre-packaged "surprise" bags that could last up to two years after being made), we walked through one of the sub-base camps at CFB, where soldiers were performing maintenance on equipment and were busy preparing medical supplies for their upcoming peacekeeping operation in Bosnia.

Soldiers let students wander through the site while debriefing the group at various tent stations. Most showcased weapons used in the event that Canadian soldiers are attacked during an operation, like the C7 rifle, which every infantry soldier is given as a primary weapon. But although the visual target scope on top of the gun remains clear under most environmental conditions, from direct sunlight to rain and fog, it is not often used due to



Two political science students try their hand manning a large artillery unit.

the fact that the Canadian government rarely involves its soldiers in offensive attack. Historically, Canada has instead contributed heavily to both domestic aid and international peacekeeping missions. Between February 2000 and April 2001, 14 000 soldiers were rotated in Bosnia-Herzegovina, while over 5000 soldiers were deployed to assist with Winnipeg's floods and Québec's ice storms a few years ago.

Students were also taken into emergency tents where doctors showed off medical equipment like army stretchers and portable surgical kits.

The students then reverted back to being little kids as they climbed over large tanks and honked the horns of massive ten-foot-tall military jeeps. Everyone was allowed up onto the tanks, and soldiers showed off their machines as they rotated the tank's cannons in front of our feet.

The definitive highlight of the day was witnessing a live simulation of a

tactical helicopter as it flew between a moving Leopard C2 tank (one of the faster, easily maneuvered tanks the Canadian army owns) and a large artillery unit mounted with a gun (although it looked like a tank without the large rotating wheels, an officer corrected my assumption, stating it was an "artillery unit").

Soon after the live simulation, and following one more bagged meal for supper, we were escorted off the base. With over ten hours of travelling both ways, students were finally able to see first-hand exactly what it was like working on a Canadian military training base.

The bus ride home was filled with conversation as students recounted the day's events and two guys were seriously ready to join the army. There was an air of respect and admiration for Canada's officers, something I never see unless it's Remembrance Day. So who was it again that said class field trips were a waste of time?

Q: What's the difference between your landlord and a swarm of blood sucking leeches?

A: Leeches don't require 30 days notice...



Thinking of leaving home? Thinking maybe you shouldn't have left in the first place?

There are many things to consider when living on your own. To help you learn your rights as a tenant, we are offering a Housing Info Session, moderated by the Landlord & Tenant Advisory Board, to help you avoid disaster, prevent conflict with your landlord and become informed of your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. Come check it out: Business B-05 Wednesday, November 27th, 5:00pm. R.S.V.P. To Info Services at 492.4212 or lisa.seibold@su.ualberta.ca to guarantee yourself a seat!



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Differential fees must be stopped

TO THE DISMAY OF MOST STUDENTS, 6 per cent saw the University's proposal of a 6.4 per cent tuition increase. In addition, it has been proposed that differential fees be added to the tuition of several faculties, which will make the amount to attend certain programs upwards \$8000 per year. This allows the University to raise the tuition of each faculty separately, which makes resistance to tuition increasingly difficult. If these changes go through, it is hard to conceive having affordable tuition ever again at the U of A.

It is important that we, as a student body, make it abundantly clear that we are against this increase. I say this because I have peered into the gaping maw of the bureaucratic beast, and I have seen it tear to shreds those who feared it.

In 1994, a small businessman went to purchase the lot next to my house on 109th street to build a Dairy Queen. His main obstacle in creating his dairy dessert store was a city zoning decision that forbade a drive-thru to be placed on the property. The businessman went into city hall requested the area be rezoned to allow a drive-thru.

We weren't happy about a fast-food joint moving into the lot just next to us. The noise from the person taking orders and traffic congestion around the corners would be a large inconvenience for us. But because of a lack of knowledge about the system of appeal, and because we felt that a Dairy Queen would be a fairly low-traffic location, we didn't officially oppose the changing of the zoning laws and the building of the ice cream outlet.

Eight years later, in early 2002, the DQ went out of business and McDonald's corporation purchased the lot. We had problems with the presence of the Dairy Queen, and the new McDonald's moving in meant more noise, smell and traffic in an already congested area.

This time we did officially oppose the development. Unfortunately, since we hadn't mounted a resistance to the zoning change the first time, the City of Edmonton ignored our attempt to have the new restaurant's construction halted. We were informed that we could have won our battle against DQ if we had contested the first zoning change, and in retrospect, our fight against the golden arches would have had a much higher chance of success if we did.

I contend that the University's differential tuition proposal is just like that zoning change. If there is a possibility of defeating it, it is now before it passes into University law. Once it passes, differential tuition will be almost impossible to get rid of. Even if you've never cared about tuition increase before, this is the year you need to stand up and try to stop it. The fight against the tuition change might fall now; the act of fighting the change will be remembered.

If this goes through, the student body will never be together on tuition again, as it is most likely that each faculty will have its tuition increased separately through differential fees.

The final decision will be made on 17 January, and we must contest this proposal. Vote to start? Try Students' Council, open to all every Tuesday in University Hall, and talk to your student representative for the rest.

DANIEL KASZOR
Circulation Manager

A haiku

We like the Gateway
It is fun to write for it
Dead trees make pretty

Put ink on paper
Recycled paper, that is
Yeah, environment

Slander and libel
These things get us in trouble
Well, only libel

Blankets for homeless
Delicious pages of love
Comforts in winter

KRISTINE OWRAM
Associate News Editor

LETTERS

Law Students' Association in favour of differential fees

In the interest of providing a balanced perspective on the issue of differential tuition, I wish to remark on some of SU President and fellow law student Mike Hudema's comments in the Gateway ("6.4% tuition hike proposed," 14 November).

The differential tuition proposal illustrates the fact that our Faculty has acknowledged and responded to the rise in the cost of legal education in Canada. Our law school is in desperate need of resources that, after 30 years of lobbying the Administration, are clearly not going to come from the University.

One of the ways our law school can maintain its renowned national reputation is to attract more professors. This has not been achieved in the current budgetary climate.

The current proposal apportions 30 per cent of the differential fee to student bursaries, which will help alleviate financial pressure. In addition to the current bursaries and scholarships, the differential fee aims to improve quality while maintaining accessibility for students from all financial backgrounds. The Faculty has also been consulting with the provincial Student Loans Board to raise the cap on student loans to further equip students with the financial means to attend law school.

While Hudema has predicted a severe decrease in accessibility and the creation of a two-tiered university, I question whether the story from Ontario law schools is that differential fees don't work. Every single Ontario law school charged tuition of over \$10 000 this fall, and those fees were met with application increases of 20 per cent. It would be presumptuous to think that the increase in student applications and current first-year Ontario law students are all a part of the "financially elite".

Furthermore, the studies from which Hudema quoted are based on the universities as an aggregate as opposed to specific faculties. Given that the earning potential of a law student is cited to be three times that of an arts graduate, it is important to look at the differential fee issue in faculty-specific contexts.

While tuition increases at any level are unpopular, I don't feel that our law school would be able to maintain its quality without resorting to a differential fee. Now, the point of this letter is not to simply tell a story, but to point out that many people are sharing copyrighted files over the Internet and don't even know it, then getting frightened (yet highly generous) warnings for it. When talking to one of my former colleagues, he told me about an older man who found himself in the same situation. His grandchildren had been down for the weekend and had decided to download several movies.

When the little criminals went home, they left the files on his computer and the Kazaa program itself, which was set to start up with Windows. Now, imagine telling a 60-year-old guy that 20 kilos of cocaine had been found in his basement and that he had been harbouring criminals. That's about how scared he was when he was

After all, only criminals and terrorists would fear this, right?

In fact, Canada could help the US by requiring all Americans be fingerprinted and photographed when they entered Canada. Then Canada would catch more criminals, and then Canada could share all the prints and photos with the US, which doesn't permit such arbitrary fingerprinting of ordinary citizens.

Perhaps that is what Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister has discussed with the US Secretary of State 14 November?

After all, isn't this similar to Echelon, where the UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand eavesdrop on satellite and microwave signals the US is forbidden to listen to by US law, and vice versa, and then share the information?

We will then be able to further emulate much more secure countries, like Iraq, where all that citizens have to fear is the police and the government.

TOM TROTTER
Ottawa, Ontario

Internet piracy feature 'informative,' lacking

I would like to congratulate Roberto Rocha on his recent article ("Internet Piracy," 19 November). Not only was this article informative, but was very pertinent to the Internet usage of most everyone on campus, as I'm sure the majority of students engage in illegal MP3 sharing.

However, there is an aspect of Internet piracy Roberto left out. A couple of weeks ago I got a call from my ISP in Medicine Hat. They had received a letter from the Motion Picture Association of America, stating that [my IP address] had made available for download files containing the movie *How High* on 17 October, 2002.

For one, I'm not a stoner, and two, I'd been in Edmonton since the end of August. I hadn't done it. Luckily for me, I had worked for my ISP during high school so they let me off. Anyway, I went down to the store during the fall break weekend to have a look at this e-mail first hand. It turns out my dad's computer had been "hacked into" and was being used on IRC (Internet Relay Chat) as a sort of storage space for warez rings. They had made my dad their "mule" (or even more embarrassing) their "warez bitch".

By the way, if I hear anyone call my dad a bitch I will hurt you. Plus, he could beat up your dad. Now, the point of this letter is not to simply tell a story, but to point out that many people are sharing copyrighted files over the Internet and don't even know it, then getting frightened (yet highly generous) warnings for it. When talking to one of my former colleagues, he told me about an older man who found himself in the same situation. His grandchildren had been down for the weekend and had decided to download several movies.

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R. BIESINGER

told about the letter that had been received about his computer.

He was barely able to, through his trembling and self defence, ask the question, "What the hell is a cowza?" It scared him so much that he cancelled his Internet connection and brought his computer back for a refund. Are people going to be so scared of being used in illegal activities on the Internet that they'll just stop using it? Let's hope not.

RYAN PETERSON
Geology II

Student concerned about SUB Subway stench

OK, it is just me or does the Subway in the SUB really stink?

It doesn't matter what entrance you use—the smell of "meatballs" I don't even want to know what kind and various processed animal concoctions staving in sickly sweet tomato soup for the last six weeks assails the nostrils. Anything that overpowers the rank stench of ASBW, Taco Bell and three coffee shops to that degree has got to have some nasty shit in it.

I guess the next step is to get in KFC and McSkinko's, and have ourselves an olfactory hoe-down. That's one way to make sure all those comfy new chairs don't get over-used.

CHRIS DRAKE
Biological Sciences III

Canadian Wheat Board operates for our interests

Thanks to the persistent lobby of international grain merchants, who view the Canadian Wheat Board as an impediment to their profits, the Board has gradually been stripped of some of the powers that enabled it to do a better job.

Nevertheless, it is still doing a commendable job of obtaining the best possible price for Canadian farmers for the grain under its control. It has been able to achieve this primarily because, as a single-desk selling agency, it has bargaining power, something individual farmers don't have.

After farming organizations advocate young farmers to stop and consider before you condemn the Canadian Wheat Board. Don't allow yourself to get caught up in the dichotomy of "freedom," "choice," "dual marketing" and all that bull being sung by those who would like to profit from your lack of bargaining power.

Remember that the Board exists for your benefit and not theirs, and that once the Board is dismantled, under the North American Free Trade Agreement, you won't be able to have it reinstated.

The Canadian Wheat Board Use was brought into law in 1935 to protect farmers from exploitation by unscrupulous grain merchants, because in the scheme of things, individual farmers are but little pawns, vulnerable to the whims of transnational corporations.

In the face of this reality, individual farmers need the protection of government agencies and government regulations.

WILLIAM DASCANICH
Vegreville, Alberta

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Alcohol hasn't an ounce of good

CHRIS
KRAUSE



I don't make a big effort to let people know I don't drink. Adult life is so alcohol-saturated that being a career non-drinker is, well, weird. Don't believe me? I can think of two bars on campus and at least 19 more in a 2km stretch along Whyte Avenue, and the city, for a time, imposed a moratorium on new bars just to keep it at that ridiculously high number.

What makes my non-drinking even weirder is that my reasons have nothing to do with not wanting to make baby Jesus cry, a drunk driving tragedy, or anything else "understandable."

Why, then, don't I? Is it because I'm a big loser who spends all his time watching cartoons and playing video games? No, that's just a coincidence. Is it because I hate alcohol, and therefore also fun, puppies, and the Beatles? No, I... well, I actually do hate it, a little.

And why shouldn't I? Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone in the US every 32 minutes, and non-fatally injure someone every two minutes. Out of every 100 people who use alcohol, 15 will become dependent on it. Compare that to nine out of 100 for marijuana, and 16 for cocaine. That's right: alcohol is virtually as addictive as cocaine.

Alcohol is often a factor in crimes such as domestic violence and sexual assault. It also represents a huge monetary expenditure, and the ones who end up spending the biggest portions of their paycheques are those who can afford it the least: very low-income people, including students.

Alcohol has numerous adverse effects on health, such as cardiac arrhythmia, stroke, obesity, liver disease, and fetal alcohol syndrome. Although it's true that moderate wine consumption correlates with decreased coronary heart disease, a cause and effect relationship has not yet been clearly established.

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After all, wine drinkers are statistically more active, richer and better educated, all of which correlate with reduced heart disease.

Of course, if I "liked the sauce," or whatever the kids say these days, I would disregard all of these fine arguments like so many of my peers. But I don't.

My reason is absurdly simple, and yet

it makes me seem all the weirder when I say it. Alcohol isolates people. It's a barrier that prevents any meaningful interpersonal contact. Everyone, from the crying-in-the-bathroom drunk to the friendly drunk to the drunken party animal, becomes more alone with every sip.

Let's break it down logically. There is no dispute that alcohol impairs your perception of reality. The less accurately you perceive reality, the more you are surrounded by a fantasy world of your mind's making. What useful connection can be formed between you and another human being if you're living inside a fog of your own confusion and distorted perception? Even if you knew what was going on, you probably wouldn't be able to contribute because your judgment and speech would be impaired, and what would be the point, since the alcohol would prevent you from clearly remembering it anyway?

But wait, you say, I never even drink enough to impair my cognition even a little. Why, then, the overwhelming need to do it? You love to spend the money? You crave the dehydrating effect, or the empty calories? Wait, I've got it, you can't get enough of the bitter, disgusting taste of ethanol, whose terrible taste is your body's way of telling you it's poisonous. Yup, you're the first person in history who actually enjoyed your first taste of beer.

Or maybe you engage in the world's stupidest, most useless pastime just so people don't think you're weird.

eBay the 'grand bazaar of the 21st century'



JOSH
KIENNER

Let me pose a trio of questions to you, dear reader:

Where can you get 8 complete seasons of *Who's the Boss?*, in all its glory, on VHS? Where could you find a 360G Ira for the ridiculously cheap amount of \$999 US? And where in the hell are you ever going to track down that Belinda Carlisle close-up fridge magnet?

I'll tell you where: the closet of a massively buxom Tony Danza fan who thinks heaven is a place on earth.

Believe or not, the massively buxom Tony Danza fan who thinks heaven is a place on earth has something in common with the bald eagle besides, of course, majestic beauty: they're both considered an endangered species in this crazy damned world. But fortunately for you, there is another venue to obtain this veritable cornucopia of wicked-radiance: the grand bazaar of the 21st century, eBay.

Yes, the much maligned eBay, home of Beanie Baby and Star Wars freaks alike, not to mention their diabolical offspring: Star Wars-themed Beanie Baby freaks.

Often considered an online shitpile, eBay offers so much more than Star Wars Beanie Babies, gigantic brasieres and souvenirs of my pre-adolescent youth. It has been hailed as the refuge of dorks and obsessive fans, and although this strange, pop-culture has been unmercifully tough to The Bay (as I like to call it). So, in this bastion of the major media, I'm going to attempt to affect some change on this negative image that eBay has acquired.

First of all, eBay has an unparalleled

selection. The sheer variety of horseshit on this site is unbelievable. Need a set of Kenny G's hands cast in white Fuji marble? Who doesn't? What about some pornographic playing cards? Available for the gents and the ladies.

Any kind of random useless garbage you need, it's there. Calling eBay a flea market would be like calling David Hasselhoff attractive—the understatement of the con. eBay is more of a massive-Guatemalan-spotted-cockroach market than it is a flea market. It's got more crazy shit than Jean Chrétien's large intestine.

But that's not all—there's non-crazy shit too. There's cars. There's real estate of every variety. Hell, there's even keeping-it-real estate. Yes sir: houses in Harlem have been known to rear their Fubo-beanie covered heads on occasion. About the only thing you can't get on eBay is the Cup. And best of all, the vast majority of goods are some-

what-to-ludicrously inexpensive.

This, however, brings me to an important point: if this shit weren't filthy nasty dirty cheap, there's no way on God's green earth that anyone would buy 95 per cent of it. But that's the beauty of eBay: the enormous market.

No one in Edmonton seems to want to buy a pair of my used underwear (I can't even give the damn things away), but I bet if I threw 'em on eBay, they'd be gone faster than I could say "worn out gooch." The opposite is true as well: while trying to purchase used knickers in E-town, I've had a similarly difficult time tracking them down. But a recent search for used underwear on eBay brought up no fewer than four matches. Creeps of the world unite!

So, I ask you: convenience, selection, and bargains. What more do you want in a marketplace?

Used gonziches. Mine start at \$2.95. Happy bidding.

day in Pohénégamook. People always cross the border without checking in at customs. So, why jail only that young man from Pohénégamook?

Rule of law that's why. An inflexible interpretation of the law landed this innocent man in jail. Sure, there are other details. He was fined \$200 when he was 19, a full ten years ago, for breaking a few windows. He was also carrying a hunting rifle, yes, but that's a normal thing for a forestry worker.

Common sense would have prevailed here. Hell, common law might even have prevailed. Instead, the rule of law gets a sack beating.

ADAM ROZENHART

The Burlap Sack is a semi-regional feature where a person or group who needs to be put in a sack and beaten is ridiculed in print. No sack beatings are actually administered.

THE BURLAP SACK

This burlap sack is going out to the rule of law. That is to say, direct, literal and inflexible applications of the law should be summarily sacked.

Take, for example, the young man from Pohénégamook, Québec who was jailed for crossing the border into the US to get fuel for his truck. He didn't tell the border patrols that he was going into the US. But that's because no one else ever does either. You see, the driveway leading into the gas station is in Canada. The pumps themselves are located entirely within the borders of the US.

This means that the young man from Pohénégamook was breaking the law. But wait! This happens every-

The tuition debate: pointing the finger and missing the picture



RAYMOND BIESINGER

A tuition debate is a funny thing, especially if, for the majority of the "debate," the panelists are in more of an agreement than a locking of horns.

Perhaps that's a little bit of an overstatement, but two Thursdays ago, the Students' Union sponsored tuition debate featured a great deal of agreement—that more money was needed for post-secondary education in Alberta, and it had best not come from thin-stretched students.

The only problem was, the debaters pointed in two different directions as to where that money was going to come from. But before they answered that contentious question, they had to answer *why*, exactly, that money is needed now more than ever.

We've all heard the latest statistics backing up why students are in a such bad way—since 1981, tuition in Alberta has climbed some 209 per cent, a figure that outstrips inflation by far. Now, we're facing (if "we" is arts and science students) a 6.4 per cent increase in 2003, and if we're one of the unlucky few, there's something called a differential fees proposal to be passed on 17 January. Should it go through, which seems a foregone conclusion, medicine, dentistry, business and law program fees won't be up by hundreds a year starting in 2003, but thousands.

At the crux of the increase isn't something as easily explained as an increase in the cost of educating students, but that students' share of paying the actual cost of their education is increasing. If debate participant and provincial NDP leader Raj Pannu's memory is still sharp, in the 1960s, when Pannu was an undergraduate at the University, students bore only 12 per cent of the cost of their education. As recent as 1991, students paid only 15 per cent of the true cost of their education, and now, students are paying 24 per cent, with the federal government increasingly withdrawing funding and pointing towards the corporate sector for funding.

Somewhere in the last 20 years, governments, both federal and provincial, decided that government spending in post-secondary isn't a priority.

As brought up by the University's

Vice-President (Academic) Doug Ovram, in a 14 November Gateway news piece, we're in dire straits, given that only one fifth of Canadians set foot in a university. Because of that statistic, governments have had difficulty justifying post-secondary funding. Both federal and provincial levels have difficulty enough funding things that five-fifths of Canadians use, like health care and primary education.

So, if government has turned a cold shoulder, where is an administration like ours supposed to find the kind of coin they need to educate 26 000 students? Well, the federal government suggests that private donations could help fill some of our general operating expenditures, according to SU numbers, a hole that amounts to around \$370 million a year.

Well, yes, it could help, but with it comes strings attached, and I have a feeling that the administration is as aware of that as we are, thanks to the white elephant that is the Telus Centre, in itself the worst-case corporate sponsorship scenario.

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Yes, it was the largest corporate donation we ever received, and we did get \$12.9 million out of the deal. But if you're not familiar with the brief history of that ill-fated corporate donation, largely useless as a teaching facility and costing us \$1.2 million a year to maintain, you might care to read a classic Gateway from Valentine's Day of this year.

Now Telus may not be the best example—private sponsorships don't inevitably lead to such a burden—but if any marked amount is to be made up by private donations, we'll find our teachings and facilities pulled in hundreds of directions, as opposed to a singular pursuit of impartial learning.

Admitting the bad scene that private funding, our cash-strapped

University of Alberta administration might start looking at its own structure and habits in an effort to cut corners and turn the red into black. And luckily enough, for them, it turns out that they have a Students' Union more than willing to point out what corners to cut, and how deep.

Indeed, our SU has identified a number of areas—general administration, furniture and equipment costs, professional fees, travel expenditures, and the Faculty of Extension—from which they claim the Administration could cut \$14.3 million dollars worth of fat from. That's good and well, but they actually aren't that fat of coffers: \$14.3 million is baby fat.

Remove that number from the total cost of our education—\$369 million in 2001—and that number doesn't seem so significant. Take a look at the students' share of the savings: 24 per cent of \$14.3 million. Then, divide that number 26 000 ways for every undergraduate on campus, and the Students' Union could save you something like \$140 a year.

Indeed, even if the administration itself, which in 2001 cost \$42 million, magically cost absolutely nothing, it would only cut something like \$400 a year off of your tuition. It's small stuff. Not that it isn't a great way to save some buck; it's only a minor fight to shove some millions, and maybe one that could be won. But the real money, of course, is still elusive.

So, where's an administration supposed to look for money that comes without strings attached, if government isn't listening, and their own fat, it turns out, isn't as much fat as skin? Well, to students. Evidence that students can be made to pay more is as close as page five of this very newspaper, where a letter from the Law Students' Association makes it painfully clear that paying up is their last, and seemingly, only, resort.

That letter is right when it states that a tuition increase is unpopular, but is necessary because there isn't money in our administration, and money isn't forthcoming from donations. But I'd like to be more optimistic than that. There is another way to make up the difference, but it requires years of time and an enormous effort. It's a way that has students convincing the four-in-five Canadians, or Albertans, who aren't in post-secondary education that post-secondary helps them, thus putting federal and provincial dollars back into our system.

As far as what that plan, exactly, is, the SU is getting closer to it, I think. But that's another article entirely.

Drug legislation is seemingly illogical



VIVEK SHARMA

If you're reading this, chances are you or someone you know has done or continues to do at least one illegal drug. Drugs occupy the same realm that sex does in our culture—taboo on the surface yet done still done behind closed doors, fascinating to the general public yet never truly understood, tolerated and accepted as inevitable but never openly embraced or justified. None of us speaks of it Monday morning, but it's assumed nonetheless.

Cigarettes are so highly addictive that Sigmund Freud was able to quit his notorious cocaine habit almost immediately, but continued to smoke despite constant warnings, even after having his jaw surgically removed.

Abuse of alcohol undeniably damages more brain cells than marijuana use, and abuse of alcohol is inevitably at the root of more social problems than marijuana. When was the last time a wife was battered by a husband on marijuana?

Studies by a Dr Alfred Crancer show that the average number of driving errors is significantly higher for those intoxicated with alcohol than for marijuana. Cigarettes are so highly addictive that Sigmund Freud was able to quit his notorious cocaine habit almost immediately, but continued to smoke despite constant warnings, even after having his jaw surgically removed. So strong was the addiction, he eventually died from throat cancer at age 83, after attempting to quit for 45 years.

According to UBC professor of biopsychology Dr John Pinel, approximately 70 per cent of those who experiment with cigarettes become addicted, in comparison to only 30 per cent with heroin.

Infamous are the posters one can now buy at Imaginus poster sales showing American posters from the

'60s decrying marijuana as "weed from the devil's garden." While these posters are openly mocked today and we congratulate ourselves on our magnificent current state of wisdom, one can only wonder what the critique of the next generation will be of our take on drug culture. It is clear that our understanding of the addictive nature, physiological, and psychological effects of drugs are highly confused by the political and cultural atmosphere they are communicated in.

So, what is the political process in creating laws that govern these drugs?

Despite claims of making drugs such as marijuana and psilocybin mushrooms illegal because of their detrimental effects on health, social functioning and self control, there are other forces at play.

Obviously, the complex interaction between financial interests, specific interest lobbying groups and politicians pandering to general public misinformation are primarily responsible for the laws we are currently expected to follow. We live in a culture where the lines drawn by the law regarding drugs are anything but logical; rather, they are created by political and economic expedience.

Lately, though, I wonder what the difference truly is.

If our laws are, in fact, based on the logic we worship in the courts, it seems that more consistency between our laws on different drugs is in order. The current legal status of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana are hardly justified by scientific research or even basic common sense, and are in fact blatantly contradictory.

If we assume that at 18 years of age individuals are able to use alcohol and cigarettes responsibly, then it only follows that we also award that right to drugs that are more benign, such as marijuana. If the consensus is that we need to limit use of drugs that have dangerous repercussions to psychological and physical health, then, logically, it follows that alcohol and cigarettes should be limited too. Either way, the current system is in serious contradiction.

The current hypocrisy of our drug laws only ends up creating a disrespect for a system of laws that are ideally supposed to protect us. If we continue to allow laws like this to exist, laws that a large chunk of our population disobeys and thinks aren't in agreement with scientific fact and are impossible to enforce, then we doom our drug laws to a similar fate as that suffered by our constitution: ideals set out on paper, abandoned in reality.



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'Broken family' stereotype painful



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Of Canada's six million families, 17 million are split or recombined. Perhaps, in more accessible terms, this means that "blended" families now comprise four of every ten families. Statistics Canada has released various and sundry facts about the state of the nation, and it once again appears that the rate of divorce and separation is on the rise.

This number may not appear to be of concern to most, but it ought to. Being a child of divorce, I understand these statistics better than many.

My parents separated when I was 16, throwing my already hormonal and adolescent strife-filled life into even greater turmoil. To this day, I am amazed how one event could completely change my life in every conceivable way.

Amidst myriad consequences, perhaps the most difficult one was the self-imposed stigma of being "one of those"—a child of a broken home. This moniker defined me as a social stereotype, and I could not shake the feeling that those around me saw me

as a statistic. I feared being scorned or mocked. I did not trust my friends, but then again, how could I? Their parents were still together.

If all this seems somewhat neurotic and far fetched, keep in mind the nauseating amount of media attention divorce statistics acquire. Society singled me out as a minority: a poor, messed-up kid nobody quite knew what to do with.

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I did not want pity. Like every other struggling young adult, I just wanted to be normal and accepted, and here it was, as conspicuous as a flaming, pus-filled pimple in my mind, drawing attention to me when I least wanted it. Statistics about higher rates of unsuccessful relationships and failed marriages added to this by drilling into me the doom of a life of social problems.

And, yet years later, I don't feel so different. My family hurricane has calmed and, while it may not be a soft breeze, it's definitely less traumatic. If I

have learned anything, it has been not to repeat the mistakes of the past.

What these new statistics show more than anything is our changing social perspectives. Couples who come to celebrate their 25th anniversary are becoming a rarity. It is more likely now for women my age to choose common-law relationships over marriage, perhaps in lieu of recent trends. Unfortunately for my generation, first common-law relationships are proven to end twice as often as first marriages.

The new generation of young, marriageable people is shying away from commitment and traditional family structures. Adding children to the mix only complicates this scenario because, let's face it, divorces and separations do screw children up. I am wary of kids growing up to believe that divorce is a convenient means of ridding themselves of relationships they ought not to have entered in the first place.

From the perspective of someone living in a blended family, I must admit that I can see the benefits of two Christmases and the like, but given the chance, I would not hesitate to remain in a stable family environment.

As my generation matures and heads towards marriage, we need to do so with the forethought and seriousness it deserves, not only for our families' sake, but also our future families' sake.

Royalty has returned to its sordid roots



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For a while, the British Royal Family was forgiven. Prince Charles went public with his consort, introducing Camilla to the Queen after a summer where she was his constant companion. They spent much time with the princes, disciplining Harry for smoking dope, giving William polo lessons, attending parents days at Eton and taking them fishing in Scotland. There were other indications that Charles and Company were recovering well from the death of the popular blonde at the hands of drunken chauffeurs.

For the first time in years, the Italian gutter press no longer calls Charles *Tamponcino* and the London dailies take his organic gardening and jere-miads against contemporary architecture seriously.

This is a shame, because offering to be Lady Parker Bowles' tampon was the most romantic thing a Royal had ever uttered. And his pronouncements about buildings resembling car-buncles should be mocked, mostly for using the word "carbuncles."

All around, the Windsors seemed to have loosened up and become popular. The scandals were under control, and the Queen was being treated as the great colonial nana.

This was refreshing for them, but truly dull for the rest of us.

Which is why it was so refreshing to have Paul Burrell start talking. This man was Diana's "rock." He wept at her funeral; he was charged recently for stealing dozens of items. Between being forced to testify by the courts and being "encouraged" with a six-figure pay off to spill by the tabloid *Daily Mirror*, whole episodes of scandal have been unearthed.

The Oprah-fied therapeutic confessions of victimhood that Diana scandalized in—the moping and weeping and

gnashing of teeth, the awkward televised confessions of adultery, bulimia and self-harm—have been extended way past the operatic into camp. All thanks to Mr Burrell. What he told about the royal family is brilliant because it's new, and because it shows how hermetic those who lead us are.

For example, Diana pretended to be an American named Ms Arantso so she could date a prominent Anglo-Arab cardiologist.

This is a shame, because offering to be Lady Parker Bowles' tampon was among the most romantic things a Royal had ever uttered.

This gentleman was smuggled into Kensington Palace in the trunk of a car, and she went out to meet him clad only in mink. The discussion of this Arab in British papers concentrated heavily on his race, as did the discussion of Doel al-Fayed. Diana was good at photo-ops with the world's disenfranchised, concentrating on them as an effective tool to win her battle against the Windsors.

Apparently, in the British press, if the Arabs are starving it's OK to use them as spin control, but to date them is bad news.

But there are other stories of what

the butler saw, often second hand. Apparently he and most of the staff enjoyed buggery greatly. Which isn't a surprise, since it's the grand sporting tradition among upper-class British boarding schools. Depending on whose reports you believe, the incidents include Burrell awkwardly propositioning a prominent television presenter and having numerous lovers, some found while cottageing.

But there are also things he was told second hand. For example, the crew and some servants (including our friend, Paul) were found watching queer porn on the royal yacht Britannia, and there was also a charge of forcible sodomy done by a servant to his coworker, a rape that apparently everybody in the Court knew about, from the Queen to Scotland Yard.

So the Butler was apparently insatiable, the princess kicked outside her race and station, and some of the Windsors and their hangers-on enjoy ass-play, sometimes without consent. What is the point of us caring about this? Aside from the pleasures of *schadenfreude* and another few elements—the unhappy princess, is a required element in every fairy tale, and we tend to expect racism and exoticism from the ruling classes—there is nothing here.

Well, except more proof that the powerful are liars who cannot keep secrets, that the age where loyalty lies about because disloyalty pays better than the government, and that power is all about being mercenary.

Dave Alexander's TOP TEN

Lord of the Rings-inspired pornos

- 10 Debbie does Legolas
- 9 The Screw Turtles
- 8 Frodosexual Desires
- 7 Onox
- 6 Hobbit Hole at Bag-End
- 5 One Ring to Bind Them
- 4 The Council of Elrondjermey
- 3 Pippin Ain't Easy
- 2 Hot Elfin Sluts III
- 1 The Fellowship of the Rim

Start thinking, newspaperistas, because it's almost time for another *Gateway Opinion* track meet, an event that happens every damn Thursday at every damn 4pm. There we'll talk about recent events, events in print, events that your Mother caters during Christmas, what's up in the Middle East, and how angry Editor-in-Chief David Zeibin is that I just gave him an 1100-word article to proof at 11pm on a press night.

Basically, it's like rock and roll, but without the haircuts, guitars, guitars, amplifiers, liquor, stages, tickets, cocaine and jackets.

So, SUB, Thursday third, 4pm.

All are invited, so be there.

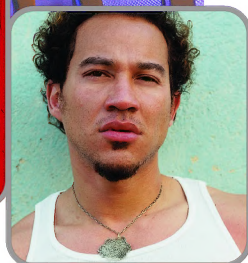


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AT UNIVERSITY HALL

The Gunman

Dave Berry is a former veteran of Edmonton's tactical team and spent almost six years training with the city's best. He is currently a member of West Division's patrol section. In his 15 years as a police officer, Berry has dealt with several similar hostage situations in the city.

For this exercise, Berry played a disgruntled professor: he memorized the imaginary background of his character prior to the exercise and relayed it to the Hostage Negotiation Team so they could explore the different dimensions of the "professor's" character and hopefully use this information to talk him down or at least determine levels of threat, and thereby advise the entry team's commanders of the probability of having to use force. Of course, with his experience on the tactical team, he knew what to expect from his former colleagues and made their jobs as difficult as reasonably possible.

The Weapons

For the purpose of the exercise, Edmonton Police members used special conversion kits on their weapons to replace regular ammunition with simulation, but they still used the actual guns they would shoot in a real-life scenario (think paintball times ten).

As we were told in the briefing, the bullets are a safe way to allow officers to maximize their training experience. These bullets leave a nice welt on a good day, and knock you to the ground on a bad one. As hostages, we were required to wear protective gear, including face and neck protection, should the officers come in guns-a-blazing. Despite the "sim" aspect of the ammunition, it provided a realistic threat that we would be "shot."



Why the University?

The exercise, organized by Campus Security, was designed for the purpose of training both Campus Patrol and Edmonton Police in the event that a hostage-like situation were to take place on campus. As a whole, Edmonton Police patrol members have little knowledge of campus and campus constables have little knowledge of hostage barricade situations. As such, it proved extremely valuable for both parties. Both agencies were able to deal with potential issues and determine their weaknesses and strengths working in a dynamic environment such as the University.

It's just another day at Council Chambers in University Hall. A meeting is taking place, the usual motions being passed or deferred, and everyday issues are being debated. Suddenly, an armed gunman breaks the monotony, bursting into the room and demanding an audience with Rod Fraser, the President of the U of A.

A council member makes a run for the door, but takes a shot in the left kidney and right arm before stumbling outside the entrance, blood pouring from his wounds. A second council member, stunned, gets up from her chair just a little too fast and takes a round off her temple, grazing deep. She too manages to stumble out the door, but not before being shot in the right shoulder blade, a wound that leaves her sprawled unconscious in the foyer.

The gunman closes and locks the chamber doors, knowing his gunshots will draw the attention he desires. Most of the council members recognize him as an eccentric professor recently disciplined for a complaint from a female student stemming from his strange behaviour. The University Administration cracked down hard on the professor, taking his tenure, and handing him a stiff suspension.

They watch as he waves his 9mm handgun in the air, demanding three simple things: a televised apology from Fraser, a renewal of his tenure and a lifting of his suspension. He fully expected Fraser to be in the meeting, but he isn't, which only fuels the gunman's anger.

He asks where Fraser is, and a frightened council member offers he's probably in his office. The gunman approaches the cowering councilman, waving the gun in his face and demanding that he fetch the President. The frightened man is left to scurry free with his assigned mission and the council doors are locked behind him. He steps over the bloodied bodies of two of his colleagues before breaking into a frantic run.

Four minutes earlier, a 911 dispatcher receives four calls of shots fired near the Phys Ed building at the University of Alberta. The patrol squad of the Southside division is dispatched immediately as tactical team members congregate and prepare to suit up: any kind of

weapon complaint, especially gun related, immediately puts this call on their turf. An officer is sent to prepare the Mobile Command Centre and gun truck for action. Officers are on campus less than three minutes later and conduct a quick perimeter check of the Physical Education building, turning up nothing.

come to realize the shocking reality. Meanwhile, the drama continues to unfold in the Chambers. The hostages are herded to the centre of the room, where they're ordered at gunpoint to lay down. They all comply: they've seen the precedent for disregarding the madman's orders. He preaches his plight and the hostages can do nothing.



At about this time, a breathless councilman bursts through the front doors of Campus Security headquarters on the corner of 87 Avenue and 114 Street, not a block from University Hall. He spins a tale of a hostage taking in the Council Chambers to a stunned

The Mobile Command Centre and gun truck set up around the corner. Moments later, a nondescript van pulls up and half a dozen navy-clad men pile out, heading with purpose and without a word to the gun van for a quick briefing and suit-up. All uniforms are advised to stay clear of the gunman's line of site, including University Constables.

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dispatcher, who, not 20 seconds before, answered a call from a student claiming he heard shots from the same building. She makes an all-unit call over the radio as University Constables scramble to action according to the University's own emergency action plan. Just then, Edmonton Police contacts Campus 5-for assistance. The story comes together, and both agencies

The gunman grows restless in the Chamber, and so do the hostages. But for all the uncertainty felt by the gunman, the hostages feel tenfold the terror. He's screaming louder now and with more edge as he waves his gun with increasing urgency. He yells at three of the hostages to stand at the windows to the room and promises to kill them if they don't report any police activity. Two minutes later, one of the hostages sees a dark shape near the southeast corner of roof of the Administration Building.

"There's someone on the roof over there," he blurts out, earning a row of disapproving glares from those colleagues who have a grasp of the situation. The gunman peeks over his shoulder, screams a curse and presses his pistol against the hostage's head, demanding he write a note.



The Edmonton Police sniper surveys the room through his scope. Looks like seven, maybe eight, hostages and a single gunman. He reports their locations to the Mobile Command Centre, where scenarios are generated and reactions considered. He spots movement in one of the windows and focuses on a white sheet of paper being held to the window by a pale hostage. He adjusts his scope a touch and makes out the three words a sniper never wants to see: "I see you." He immediately relays the bad news as the blinds are drawn closed and his view of the room blocked.

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The gunman is pacing now. He hears movement outside the doors and screams out a phone number to the police he knows are waiting outside. The tactical team members have already darkened the foyer to pitch black outside the Council Chambers. They hear the message and relay it to the Command Centre as they guard the tactical EMS members treating the wounded hostages. The hostage negotiator mulls over the

professor's file provided by Campus Security and is briefed by a s-o sergeant on more intricate details of the professor's dismissal. Finally, before picking up the phone, he gets some advice from a specially-trained psychologist already in the Centre.

The next hour is spent in negotiation. The gunman threatens and screams, but the negotiator remains calm. Fraser can't be found, he says, but they're looking. In reality, they're fine-tuning their scenarios, preparing for a dynamic entry of the room as a worst-case plan of action. A different sniper who escaped detection behind a spire of St. Joseph's roof reports the exact location and pacing pattern of the suspect, and reports it directly to his cohorts waiting for dynamic entry. The only problem is that the gunman has placed hostages in front of both doors in anticipation, a shield against the door ram, the very one being weighed in a pair of officers' hands, mere yards from the entry point.

The negotiator keeps working, taking the information being relayed by the second to the Command Centre. Time is of an essence. Then he gets a break. He finds a weakness in the professor and exploits it. Moments later, the gunman tells all the hostages to leave. They file out, one by one, and are laid prone on the ground in the dark foyer, lit only by the lights attached to the bottom of the tactical team's MP5 submachine guns. They're searched, cuffed and led to a guarded, secure area nearby: no chance of a case of Stockholm Syndrome or of the suspect dressing up like a hostage and making a clean

getaway.

The gunman puts his hands up, sighted by half a dozen MPs's and a scope from St. Joe's, and turns himself in. A commander emerges from the darkness and puts his hand on the cuffed gunman's shoulder.

"It's over," he announces.

The scenario just described was a joint tactical exercise conducted by Edmonton Police and Campus Security. None of the hostages were actually shot and nobody was injured, but the rest happened just like it says. I had the pleasure of being one of the hostages and the rest of the details on the events that occurred outside the Council Chambers were garnered from the debriefing and individual interviews.

The exercise comes as agencies across the country stand at a heightened level of awareness of such issues as hostage barricade situations. Take a sample from this year alone: on 19 January, a man shot and killed his ex-girlfriend at a Florida college before killing himself. On 30 April, a 19-year-old German student returns to his high school after being expelled and kills 16 before himself. On 28 October, a 41-year-old failing nursing student kills three professors at a nursing college in Arizona. And of course there's Columbine, the Taber shooting, and the list goes on.

These are just a sampling of some gun-related incidents in schools this year and, while the chances of similar events occurring here at the University of Alberta are slim, enforcement agencies are preparing for the worst. Many can still remember Farid Wijdani, a former engineering student, taken down by two off-duty officers near the Tory building, with a shotgun, a pocket full of cartridges and a score to settle. It was another potential hostage situation that was thankfully resolved before anything approaching a massacre could occur.

By all accounts, the exercise was a stunning success from start to finish for all involved.

Campus security

According to Edmonton Police commanders, Campus 5-0 played a crucial role in the exercise. As an agency with an intricate knowledge of campus, and with access to detailed blueprints and specialized knowledge of buildings, campus constables were able to effectively guide Edmonton Police and advise of the best vantage points and approaches, which proved especially vital to the snipers in this exercise. Campus Security also had a detailed file on the professor, important information for the hostage negotiator in particular.



Edmonton Police

The Edmonton Police Service brought a plethora of resources to the exercise: two platoons of tactical team members, regular patrol officers, hostage negotiators, support staff to set up and operate the Mobile Command Centre, a psychologist, and commanders to formulate scenarios and tweak them as more information was gained. In operational terms, the police were operating with a skeleton crew compared to a real situation of the same magnitude. As luck would have it, a real gun complaint was received prior to the exercise beginning, and another platoon which would have been present for the exercise instead rushed to the other end of the city for the call.

Tactical EMS

The TEMS squad accompanied tactical members throughout the exercise. Dressed in the same tactical navy garb and body armor, these medical personnel have gone through much of the same training as the police officers, including experience with lethal weapons, self-defense tactics, the various light/sound diversionary devices such as "flashbangs." As they are paramedics by trade, their responsibility is to treat wounded officers, hostages, bystanders or even the gunman if necessary.



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HOME GAMES

Hockey – Clare Drake Arena

Friday, 22 Nov Bears vs Huskies, 7:30pm
Saturday, 23 Nov Pandas vs UBC, 2pm
Bears vs Huskies, 6:30pm
Sunday, 24 Nov Pandas vs UBC, 2pm

Volleyball – Main Gym

Friday, 22 Nov Bears vs Huskies, 6:30pm
Saturday, 23 Nov Pandas vs Huskies, 9pm
Bears vs Huskies, 6:30pm
Bears vs Huskies, 8pm

ATHLETIC NOTES



FILE PHOTO: JON VU

"SO, THIS ONE TIME..." Inner-circle strategy.

Basketball

The fourth-ranked Bears (2-2) are in Saskatoon to bounce with the unranked Huskies this weekend. Alberta guard **Phil Scherer** is ninth in Canada West scoring with an average of 21.5 points per game, while teammates **Phil Sudol** and **Mike Melnychuk** aren't far behind, at fourteenth and fifteenth respectively.

Ranked seventh in the nation, the **Pandas (2-2)** are in Saskatoon playing the Huskies as well. Forward **Christine Shewchuk** is seventh in Canada West with an average of 15 points per game this season.

Puck Bears settle into home duties

No road games for the men's hockey team until late January after a slough of road wars

BRYAN LEE
Sports Writer

It's like going from fine red wine to vanilla coke. After a tough weekend split against fourth-ranked Saskatchewan, the Bears hockey team will get a different flavour of Canada West action this weekend.

Rather than facing off against a top-ten team for the third week in a row, unranked UBC (2-12) visits Clare Drake Arena for a pair of contests on Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm. CJSR FM88 will feature Friday's contest.

"Every team that comes in here wants to knock us off because we're ranked in first place right now. UBC won't be any different," rookie forward Scott Henkelman said.

"We went into their building our first two games of the year and did pretty well there. They're going to come in looking for revenge."

Last weekend, Saskatchewan scored first in both contests, with two very different responses from the Bears, which might as well have been wine and coke.

On Friday, goalie Dustin Schwartz shut the door after allowing an early goal, and the team responded with a flurry of scoring spread throughout the game en route to a 6-1 win. Wade Burt had two goals on the night and is one of eight Bears in the Canada West top 20 in scoring.

It was Huskies backstop Thomas Vicars' turn to stand on his head on Saturday though, stopping 35 of 36 shots in a 3-1 Saskatchewan win.

"We had a big win on Friday and we expected them to come out hard on Saturday. It's a tough barn to win in," forward Steve Shrum explained. Shrum has six goals and nine assists on the season and is tied with three others, including Bears right wing Kevin Marsh, in the Canada West scoring race.

"Saturday was a pretty even game I thought, but it's a tight rink in there. It just happened to go their way that night," Henkelman said.

Henkelman scored the winner, his first goal



FILE PHOTO: CHIL-ANN JEONG

CURIOUS GEORGE? They get knocked around a little, but the Bears are undefeated at home.

with Alberta, in Friday's match-up. He also had an assist.

All three blemishes in the Bears' 9-2-1 conference record have come on the road, emphasizing the advantage of home ice to the team. After a road-intense schedule earlier in the year, the

team won't have to take a bus until the third week of January.

"We had a pretty tough schedule in the first half and we got a lot of our home games out of the way. It'll be nice to be at home for most of the second half," noted Shrum.

Hockey Pandas vs UBC: a contest?

Undefeated Pandas outscored Thunderbirds 25-2 last season

BRYAN LEE
Sports Writer

Ever juggled the lines while playing a hockey video game? Hank Sakic with Forsberg, or have Yzerman centre a line with Fedorov and Shanahan?

Pandas hockey coach Howie Draper is familiar with line juggling, having teamed up last year's CIS MVP, Lori Shupak, with the dynamic scoring duo of Danielle Bourgeois and Kristin Hagg on Saturday against Regina. The result: the second of two wins against the archrival Cougars.

"I knew that if we played our best hockey, we could beat them fairly convincingly. It wasn't really surprising, but it was a nice victory," said Hagg, last season's top rookie in the Canada West.

Bourgeois and Hagg were paired together last year with explosive results. The 2002-03 campaign has been no different, as the twosome has combined for 32 points in eight games. Adding the skill of Shupak to the mix will only motivate the two snipers to new heights.

"The addition of Shupak on our line is good because she'll really push both of us," Bourgeois explained. "Hopefully she'll bring more creativity and really gel the lines."



FILE PHOTO: JON VU

CHEAP TRICK Danielle Bourgeois (centre) is second in CIS scoring, despite her opponents' best efforts to haul her off the scoreboard.

Of course, the only reason teams like Colorado and Detroit can stack their lines is because of their depth. The Pandas are no different.

Many of the team's younger players have also been contributing, such as rookie Lindsey McAlpine, who scored two goals in Friday's 4-3 victory.

"Scoring is just a bonus. It's just the result of hard work and I think everyone on our team is

capable of being in that position," said Bourgeois, currently second in CIS scoring.

The Pandas offence should be able to flex its muscle this weekend against UBC (1-7). T-Birds backstop Lucie Fortin has a sound 89.9 per cent save percentage, but a young defence has allowed 338 shots on her, by far the most for any goalie in Canada West. Alberta outscored the T-Birds 25-2 last year in four lopsided victories.

"It is hard to get motivated," Hagg commented, on going from playing third-ranked Regina to lowly UBC. "At the same time though, we came off a good weekend, so I don't think it should be too tough. We're kind of on a high right now."

These will be the last home games for the Pandas before the Christmas break. The puck drops at 2pm on Saturday and Sunday at Clare Drake Arena.

Pandas volleyballers up against rabid Huskies

ERIN LOVAM
Sports Writer

When you're on the top, everyone naturally tries to pull you down.

The Pandas volleyballers were ranked first in the nation until their lowly neighbours to the south tugged them out of the top position earlier this week. Now, UBC holds the top spot, while the Calgary Dinos sit in fourth with the Pandas in fifth.

Alberta travelled to Cowtown last weekend for a pair of matches against a team that has caused them nothing but problems over the past few years.

Though the Dinos were ranked seventh overall, it was not representative of their ability. Pandas Janna Konihowski and Jossan MacKenzie agreed that Calgary is one of the premier teams in the country, perhaps a top-three team.

A battle emerged on Friday night, as Calgary took the match 3-1, though they never won by more than three points. Saturday was even closer, with the games coming down to a fifth set, the Dinos putting the final marks on the board to win 15-12.

There is a huge rivalry [between Edmonton and Calgary]. They came out strong both nights to play. We didn't. There were some mental errors," said second-year left side Konihowski. "When it came down to it, they played better."

Life won't get any easier for the Pandas this weekend, as a subpar performance won't be enough to beat the University of Saskatchewan. The unranked Huskies team is hungry for wins, off to a poor 2-4 start this season.

PANDAS' ATTENDANCE WOES

The Pandas look to have a crowd in



Alberta's up against a hungry Huskies team in the Main Gym this weekend. FILE PHOTO: DAVE MORGAN

support this weekend. Regardless of their talent, the team doesn't attract the crowds of their male counterparts.

While the women might not match the fan-pleasing, hard-hitting play of the men's squad, they make up for it with defensive skills.

"It's way harder to defend in the men's games. If they can get the ball past the block, the chance of a dig is almost slim to none. That's what makes some of [Bears' middle] Colin Irvine's digs so amazing," said Pandas head coach Laurie Eisler. "In the women's game, it's more routine. You expect to see digs, as we can play defence around the blocks and control [the ball]."

"Women's volleyball is about big digs and long rallies," said team captain Jossan MacKenzie, who boasts the top kill percentage in Canada West.

"If you want to be on the edge of your seat—watch women's volleyball."

BEARS

The Bears returned from Calgary this weekend with six-straight sets won against the nationally ninth-ranked Dinos. Alberta continues to be ranked tops in the country, with a Canada West record of 8-0.

After leading the Bears in kills both nights, Pascal Cardinal was recognized as the U of A male athlete of the week. He has led the men's team in kills in half their conference matches this season.

Visiting the Bears this weekend are the fourth-ranked Saskatchewan Huskies. The men play Friday at 6:30 p.m., followed by the women at 8 p.m. On Saturday, the order is reversed.

Rosentraub casts light on shady sports dealings

BRENDAN PROCE
Sports Editor



Dr Mark Rosentraub. PATRICK/PLAY

Sometimes an innocent interview turns into something really interesting.

Dr Mark Rosentraub, from Cleveland State University, is in town to give a presentation on sports management for the opening of the International Institute for the Study of Sports Management (IISSM) in the west meeting room (fifth floor) of the Stollery Centre this Friday at 1 p.m.

A few questions about the Institute turned into an hour-long talk on the role of sports in our world.

"Pro baseball is a cartel," said Rosentraub. "Aggressive financing, uneven playing fields. The game doesn't control baseball, the owners do."

A bold statement from a outspoken man, but one who knows his stuff. He's the Dean of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs of Cleveland State University, and author of *Sports and Who's Paying For It*.

According to Rosentraub, a ruling was passed in the US Supreme Court in 1922, making Major League Baseball immune from antitrust legislation, and thus a legal monopoly.

But that's not all. The mud in the sports world runs thick and deep.

In 1966, the NFL-AFL Merger Act allowed the two financially stable

leagues to merge, creating a monopoly and a dredge for taxpayer dollars.

Then there's the nationalistic mentality that's killing small-market NHL franchises. When small-market teams should be lining up for shots against the big-market teams, they instead divide themselves on Canada-US grounds, effectively strengthening the big kids by spreading themselves thinner.

"Smaller market NHL franchises have no shot at stability. Does this mean Calgary will never win another Stanley Cup? No. But Calgary won't be able to put out a consistent team, because a big market club can snatch up their best players, even give them a raise in pay, and not pay a cent.

Ticket prices are so much higher in the bigger centres that any raise the player receives will only boost revenues, because that player is able to draw that many more fans," said Rosentraub.

Rosentraub and Dr Wendy Frisby, from UBC, will both be giving talks for the launch of IISSM. Also in attendance will be Oilers general manager Kevin Lowe, as well as representatives from several Alberta Sports Associations, the city of Edmonton, and the University.

The presentations finish at 4 p.m., and will be followed by a reception scheduled to wrap up at 6 p.m.



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UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

TUITION TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Council Chamber
2-1 University Hall

University Administration, together with the Graduate Students' Association & the Students' Union will discuss this year's tuition proposal.

This will be an opportunity for the campus community to ask questions and discuss the tuition issue.

You are encouraged and welcome to attend.

A stalker's guide to the Grey Cup



JOEL CHURY
Rambles from
Moose Lodge

So are you one of the lucky people who has a ticket to this Sunday's Grey Cup?

As one of Canada's most celebrated sporting events, the Grey Cup always provides us with sports excitement that can only be topped by a Canadian team in the Stanley Cup final. But the game itself is seldom a blowout, à la the Super Bowl. Is something missing?

We've seen an influx of fans wanting to make spectacles of themselves over the past few months. For example, there was the fan who jumped onto the field during a Minnesota Twins/Anaheim Angels game during the ALCS. Then there was that red-socks-wearing stalker who cracked his head on the ice during a Calgary Flames game. And armed only with a carabiner, one clever fan in Vancouver decided to protest the protective netting at a Canucks game by climbing up the net, and hanging upside-down until he was removed by arena staff. Lastly, let's not forget the Winnipeg Blue Bombers fan who ran on the field and tackled a BC Lion in the Western semi-final two weeks ago.

In the baseball example, the cameras refused to show the disruptive fan while he was on the field. He was treated like a terrorist threatening to ruin the Great American Pastime. The announcers ridiculed his act, and even stopped talking about him once he was removed. Suddenly, "Voilà!" It

never happened.

As for the games in Canada that involved the other three downs, our media put them front and centre.

There was even follow-up coverage on the Flames' Red-Sockist, claiming he was going to receive charges once he was released from the hospital where he was recuperating from the concussion he incurred by conking his head on the ice.

The Vancouver crowd laughed and cheered for the misplaced rock climber, for he was protesting something that remains very unpopular among season ticket holders. And the Lion tackler, well, he got a royal shit-kicking from the on-field Lions to go along with his changes.

When the time comes, you have to move quick, with security being extra tight at the Grey Cup match.

So if you are going to streak or disrupt games anyway, you might as well do it properly.

I've got some suggestions for all you potential stalkers this weekend.

First off, you're going to need some decent tickets. You will never make it to the field level if you're seated in section L, row 32.

Next, you will want to prepare yourself before you leave the house. Try to come up with some easily removable clothing items, like baggy jeans, or better yet, tear-away track pants.

The pants are the most important part, because you may need to keep your shoes on for extra traction on

that grim-beautiful natural turf.

Further, you may want to have a button-up shirt that can also be ripped off easily, and one that doesn't smear any lettering that you might write on your body before you leave for the game.

Don't forget about alcohol either: you'll need lots of it. Slam back some hard stuff, because you won't be getting drunk on the watered-down swill they serve at the stadium. By the time you get to the game, it is absolutely essential that you're still plastered enough to think that streaking is a good idea.

When the time comes, you have to move quick, with security being extra tight at the Grey Cup match. At least in theory.

Also crucial before your jump is the decision as to whether you are trying to be a hero to the fans or to your friends. Absolutely crucial.

If you are thinking the former, you might want to think again. No one likes a streaker, but everyone loves to hate a streaker.

You have to be creative. Remember that you are representing Edmonton to CFL fans across the country.

A good suggestion might be to wear a Montréal Alouettes toque when you run out to tackle an Eskimo. That way, it will make the Alouettes' fans look like the clumps.

Or better yet, wear a Montréal Concordes toque. That way, it will look like you're stuck in a time warp from back when streaking was cool, and you will be hated by all fans equally.

Either way, it will be worth doing, if only for Bryan Hall to scream obscenities over the radio at you.

Have a fun and safe weekend.

Now, where're my tear-away pants?

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U of A, Faculty of Education

Bachelor of Education Information Sessions

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2002
TIME: 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
LOCATION: Tory Lecture Theatre 12

DATE: Thursday, November 28, 2002
TIME: 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
LOCATION: BIOSC M 145



A broad overview of the various program routes will be discussed and your questions will be answered.

SOCIAL
INTERCOURSE

Grey Cup Cabaret

with Trooper and Kim Mitchell
Show Conference Centre
Saturday, 23 November at 7pm

Raise a Little Hell, Raise a Little Hell, Raise a Little Hell! Trooper might not have had a hit album in 20 years, but they're still ready to raise hell for the Grey Cup. I'm sure that their party anthem "Raise a Little Hell" will be played repeatedly to psych fans up for the big game.

Combined with classic Canadian guitarists Kim Mitchell (both have won four Juno awards for their old school rock 'n' roll mentalities), Trooper is ready to set a rocking party tone for this weekend's festivities. Let's go for soda, OK?

The Nine Queens (Nueve Reinas)

Metro Cinema
22-25 November at 9pm

Two small-time swindlers are recruited to pull off a half-million-dollar heist involving a forged set of extremely rare stamps. As the duplicity surrounding the heist mounts, it becomes clear that no one is honest. Made in Argentina and released by Sony Pictures Classics, this is the first time that Edmonton audiences will have a chance to see *The Nine Queens*. Unfortunately, although the movie has a lot to do with stamps, Tommy Tricker the Stamp Traveller is nowhere to be seen.



FILE PHOTO: CARL SCHREIBER

Watchmen frontman Daniel Greaves croons.

54/40

with the Watchmen, the Weekend, Peppersand, and Fifth Season
The Show Conference Centre
Thursday, 21 November at 6pm

Canadian rockers 54/40 come to the Conference Centre this weekend with a slew of other bands in tow. Similar to the Tragically Hip, 54/40 has always been successful in Canada while never quite making it in the States. This is strange considering their high profile relationship with Hootie and the Blowfish before everyone forgot who Hootie and the Blowfish were.

You might recall a previous 54/40 show at the Show Conference Centre, as they played the WOW dance at that location just over three years ago.

U of A Art and Design Silent Auction

Third Floor, Fine Arts Building
Thursday, 21 November at 6pm

It's probably time that you took down that old tattered picture of the New Kids on the Block and replaced it with some real artwork. You are apparently of the age where you are considered "grown up."

The BFA and BDES students are presenting some of their work for silent auction this Thursday. Along with piles of varied artwork (there will be drawings, paintings, prints, and sculptures), munchies and a cash bar will be available. Of course, you could go to an art gallery and purchase art there, but you wouldn't have the selection or the warm, fuzzy feeling from helping out a fellow student.

DANIEL KASZOR
Circulation Manager



SCHOOLYARD BULLIES? NAH! It's this civil twilight hanging out in broad daylight.

This civil twilight just wants to play

this civil twilight

with the Tom Cruise Missile and Junior Panther
PowerPlant
Thursday, 21 November

ADAM ROZENHART
Entertainment Editor

This civil twilight, "a math rock, indie, and so-called emo band," is used to a less-than-sympathetic Edmonton music scene.

After more than five years playing together, they aren't really surprised when people come out to their shows and don't like what they hear. What really chaps their hides is being booed. When Jimmy Eat World came through town this summer, this civil twilight opened for them, and the fan reception was less than supportive.

"In Edmonton, they actively booed us," recounts this civil twilight drummer Steve Derpach. It turns out that many of the crowd actually enjoyed the band's set, however: "It was 50/50. The kids up front went absolutely crazy when we said we were from Edmonton, and the people in the beer gardens all booed us."

Derpach gave the beer gardens crowd the finger as he left the stage, saying he was angry at the lack of support.

"I don't care if [they] don't like us, and I'm pretty sure they would have done it for anyone who came on before Jimmy Eat World, because most of those people just wanted to hear the singles, drink their beer and get out," he explains.

The band was still grateful for the opportunity to play, says Derpach, and they certainly weren't surprised by the crowd reaction. Edmonton crowds are a great deal more difficult to win over than others. "They're not really forgiving," notes Derpach. "They know what they like and that's that."

However, crowd attitudes don't shape this civil twilight's music in a way many people might expect; rather than pandering to an audience and play what the so-called fans want to hear, the band continues to play their music their way.

"With this band there's no pretension. We just wanted to have fun and play what we wanted to play and not really worry about the crowd," says Derpach. And it isn't as though the experience of playing is new for this civil twilight. Derpach

used to play with Molly's Reach, while guitarist/bassist Duncan Turner plays with Pal Joey and King Lettuce. Mark Simpson, the principle songwriter and singer plays with Turner in Prince Pounce; without overstating the point, these guys have been around the scene.

Beyond that, every single one of this civil twilight has other commitments. Derpach is the Senior Manager of Programming and Licensed Activities with the Students' Union, Simpson is a U of A English professor, Turner works for a local publishing company, and Jason Murphy, guitarist and bassist, has a degree from the U of A and is working as a petroleum engineer. Compound those schedules with having lives, and you aren't left with a whole lot of time to rehearse.

"It's nothing we're not accustomed to already," says Derpach. "And it's going to get worse because we just found out Jason's wife is pregnant."

Will this stop the band from playing? Not likely. As long as the band enjoys playing together, they will continue to do so. Late nights don't bother Derpach. Only boos from intolerant listeners do.

Old Reliable still reliable after all these years

Old Reliable

with Trent Buhler
PowerPlant
Saturday, 23 November

ALEX KONYE
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Old Reliable is turning eight, and they're working hard to stay true to their name.

The current lineup, which has been together for six years, wants to show its appreciation to the fans for embracing themes (depression, cattle rustlin', honest values, spirituality, big sky) commonly associated with our prairie heritage. The hope is that we'll come to recognize this time of year as "the reliability corridor," a time of reflection, whimsy and celebration, between the Leonid meteor shower and the Old Reliable anniversary show.

Establishing a tradition of reliability is tough, though. "We're tired and broke," says lead guitarist Shuyler Jensen. On tour, the band has to win crowds over, intent on upbeat sets with catchy, fun-loving songs. Outside of current pop-geared country, the traditional "tear in my beer" sadness of the genre might seem too dark for a party. But to Shuyler, good music is good music, regardless of whether it has a lap steel, and it's his job to add to this body of art.

Singer/songwriter Trent Buhler will open the show at the PowerPlant; this will be a reunion of sorts for Old Reliable bassist Tom Murray, Buhler's Pal Joey bandmate. Noting the familiarity with the opening act, I asked Shuyler about networking and collaborations within the

E-Town country music scene, and if he foresees a move to a larger market.

"It has progressed nicely; we have roots in Edmonton, and the scene is strong, and our fans are sophisticated, which is why we enjoy playing/living here."

When they aren't touring, the members of Old Reliable keep busy, working with musicians in the Edmonton scene. Shuyler has played on ten records this year, most recently doing session work, and backing up unionist Guy Smith for a CD release party. And we can expect a solo album from guitarist Shawn Jonasson, following the trend of Old Reliable members releasing their own material.

As each bandmate explores new musical territory, one wonders whether the guys would entertain the idea of releasing an ambient-house record; the possibility intrigues these self-proclaimed music snobs. Discovering novel sonic territory is certainly a priority for the band (note the layering of sounds on the past two records through the twiddling of knobs on effects pedals). Shuyler scoffs at the fast-paced world of pigeonholing.

"Country music is defined by the artist's convictions." So, calling their music all-country, directions in farm rhythm, or insurgent moon-punk wouldn't make any difference as long as the relationship between the fans and the group has integrity.

Of course, a meteor shower now and again can put things into perspective. It's like an object lesson in Old Reliable's lyrical content (ie there are phenomena that make the pursuit of happiness appear less important). We are fragile, and



FILE PHOTO: CHRIS GOVARS
Old Reliable is celebrating their 8th anniversary.

unique; there is merit in thinking about these things. Uncovering depression and its unpleasant effects on our lives is part of that process, which is something Old Reliable will not let us forget.

On turning eight, and looking to the future, the band intends to crystallize the notion of "reliability" by investing in a new touring van. Why not come down to the PowerPlant, and do your part to perpetuate dependability in our artists: in their music and their names.



WEEKLY PROGRAMMING @ THE POWERPLANT

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in Dewey's**

TUESDAY

**STUDENT GROUP
NIGHT**

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with Stone Rock
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with DJ Big
Daddy, in Dewey's
(house, funky
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FRIDAY

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You may not cherish it, but you'll laugh

Cherish

Directed by Finn Taylor
Starring Robin Tunney, Tim Blake
Nelson, Jason Priestly, and Liz Phair
Metro Cinema
22-25 November at 7pm

KELLY KORPESIO
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Nobody wants to be Zoe. She's an intelligent, successful woman, but her obsession with music, and her wild imagination, put her in the not-so-cool category at work.

But out in the real world, one mystery man has decided they're meant for each other. Her passion for music has made him sure she's his fantasy rock 'n' roll chick.

In his illicit attempt to kidnap Zoe (Robin Tunney), they have an unfortunate accident that ultimately seals Zoe's fate. When Zoe runs over a cop, her stalker takes off and she's nailed with a drunk driving suit.

She may not be wise at work, but Zoe knows she won't be able to survive in a hostile jailhouse. Zoe's put under house arrest in San Francisco's electronic bracelet program. She's secured with a tracking device that detects her movement to ensure she remains secluded in an isolated apartment.

Suddenly, Zoe has to abide by strict limits and she experiences even less human contact than before. Her journey is limited: she befriends a Jewish midwife who also happens to be gay,

and develops a friendship with officer Daly (Tim Blake Nelson), who visits her twice a week to make sure she hasn't tampered with her tracking device.

But the one man she doesn't want contact with is still out there.

Through she insists that she has stalker at large, nobody trusts her enough to search for this anonymous man. So Zoe's left, stuck in a loft with big worries. She's not going anywhere, but how does she keep him out?

Here lies the problem: indie director Finn Taylor created *Cherish* with the intention of fusing genres. In many ways he has successfully created an entertaining film that is both funny and romantic. But since the plot is based on the dramatic elements typically offered in a thriller, one would expect that the action and suspense would make this story stronger.

Instead, the various angles used are nothing more than an amalgam of attempts to make this mystery into a romance. On the whole, *Cherish* ends up being a multi-layered meaning film.

There are redeeming qualities in the writing of this feature film, though. The narrative centres on Zoe, and it's an excellent example of one woman's journey from stammering office geek to assertive independent woman. Since Zoe's life is fueled by her passion for music, the film includes numerous artistic strategies to reflect her reality (or fantasy, as the case may be).



VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCE Robin Tunney plays Zoe in Finn Taylor's *Cherish*.

The art direction in *Cherish* is excellent, including fabulous lighting that relates a sense of foreboding in the lonely apartment. The film is also music-video-esque, including numerous fantasy segments seemingly straight off MTV.

Since Taylor was the mastermind

behind Zoe's character, and he's chosen AM radio hits for this feature film, we are given a musical miscellany from the '60s, '70s, and '80s.

This montage of genre and music seems to fuse a fun film that music lovers may cherish, or at least laugh along with.

Bionic keeps striving for greatness

Bionic

The Rev Cabaret
Thursday, 21 November

HEATHER ADLER
Features Editor

"We're not wearing matching suits or acting shifty. Honestly, I look like a homeless man most of the time," laughs frontman Jonathan Cummins.

His latest musical project, the Montréal-based Bionic, is bringing back the basics of hard rock and lashing out against the leather-pant race in an effort to educate the new generation on what live music is all about.

Manifesting a commercial image to sell to the masses has never been a priority. Prior to pounding out grinding riffs with Bionic, Cummins toured with the more mainstream recording artists, the Doughboys, but left to pursue something more heartfelt and passionate that wasn't controlled by MTV.

Now, the six-foot-something, bristly-bearded melody-maker has full control over his stage show and doesn't have to worry about what other people think about his hobo-chic look.

"We are usually the worst dressed people in the entire club. It's not intentional; we just put all our money into equipment rather than buying clothes," he explains bluntly.

But the band's lack of a polished image doesn't bother Cummins, and he's not concerned with appealing to hormone-crazed CD-purchasing preteens. "Reviews I've read remark that we look like roadies, but the music transcends so it doesn't really matter and I think that's great."

In fact, Cummins believes their stripped-down approach is helping the group connect with kids who have grown up in the unrealistic environment of marketed music.

"The audiences are getting really young and these people were brought up in the dance culture where the only rock they were exposed to was



TRUE TO THEIR WORD Bionic really doesn't care about appearances.

things like Creed, which was just horrendously bad," he notes.

"Essentially, on paper, all we are is entertainers hired to sell beer. But we strive for more than that. Music is a seriously spiritual thing for all of us."

JONATHAN CUMMINS,
BIONIC FRONTMAN

"When I was that age there were certain bands that just freaked me out and I think we are offering something new like that to people who don't know things—like that the Stones were a great band."

By making worthwhile music, the band has a growing cult following, and although they still have to deal with the reality that not every show will be well-

attended, even acting as a jukebox for a handful of drunks on a Tuesday night seems better than giving into halcyon trends. For them, music is more than just a convenient distraction.

"Essentially, on paper, all we are is entertainers hired to sell beer. But we strive for more than that," he explains of the band's indie position. "Music is a seriously spiritual thing for all of us."

With that integral credo and a sincere willingness to "just get up there and play until we hurt," Bionic is out to leave their mark on the music landscape and on the hearts of young rockers getting into the scene for the first time.

Don't expect Cummins to hold back any time soon either. He defines himself as "a life" in show business claiming that success will be ever elusive.

"I think it's more the striving for greatness that makes you great. If any band ever gets to the point where they just sit back on their laurels and go, 'Well, now we are great,' then they wouldn't be so good any more."

CULTURA OBSCURA



Republic of Alberta hat

ADAM ROZENHART
Entertainment Editor

Are you one of those black-hearted Albertans who's still pissed off over that whole National Energy Program thing? Do you think Chrétien's Liberals are going to ruin this province when they implement the Kyoto Accord? Well, friends, this here hat is for you.

Forged in the fires of Mount Doom, this foreboding and evil Republic of Alberta hat was found at a garage sale during one of the many heady summers of the late '80s. All those who don't go on to drop out of high school and successfully run for provincial office. They make massive cuts to education and health care, and then go to homeless shelters and, well, shout at people.

The only way to destroy the hat is to take it back from whence it came, and drop it into the liquid magma of Mount Doom in the hated land of Mondor.

Conversely, you could keep the hat and show it to your grandchildren. Explain to them what Alberta was like decades before it was overrun with oil executives and homeless nomads, once called "students." Tell them what those wonderful days were like. Let them marvel at Alberta's former magnificence.

Or don't. Box the hat up, contain its evil in a safe place and go preprepare your ticket for the next *Lord of the Rings* movie. It's a safer bet.

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Nov. 21 – Tuition Forum: Isn't 209% Enough?; 2:00 pm, SUB Stage
Nov. 25 – "Crime" Movie Night, w / Reservoir Dogs and The Usual Suspects; 8:00 pm, Dewey's Lounge
Nov. 27 – MAC Meeting: Tuition & Volunteers; 4:00 pm, 6-06 SUB
Nov. 28 – Tuition Forum: Differential tuition: The creation of a two-tiered education?; 2:00 p.m. SUB Stage
Dec. 2 – Quentin Tarantino Movie Night, w / Pulp Fiction, and Romance; 8:00 pm, Dewey's Lounge
Dec. 4 – MAC Meeting: Tuition & Volunteers; 4:00 pm, 6-06 SUB
Dec. 5 – Revolutionary Speaker Series: Inga Muscio; 7:00 pm, Myer Horowitz Theatre; tickets \$10, available at SUB Info Desks



Alberta currently has the third highest tuition in the country.

Since 1991/92, Alberta's tuition has increased by 209%.

The average undergraduate student debt in Alberta is at an all-time high of \$18,397.

Freeze the Fees

The Students' Union has formulated a new tuition policy for this year. It reads as follows;

WHEREAS the Students' Union has identified several areas of potential savings at the University of Alberta, adding up to a possible \$13.3 million;

WHEREAS students at the University of Alberta have seen tuition go up 209% between 1991 and 2001/02;

WHEREAS the province of Alberta has one of the best-performing economies in Canada;

WHEREAS the province of Alberta is ranked 7th out of 10 provinces in terms of operating grants to universities;

WHEREAS the Alberta government surplus was \$720 million for the 2002-03 fiscal year;

WHEREAS a funded tuition freeze would cost approximately 7.798 million dollars, or 1.08% of the Alberta provincial budget surplus for the 2002-03 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS tuition fees are frozen in Quebec and Manitoba, and are being rolled back in Newfoundland;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alberta Students' Union campaign for a funded tuition freeze for the 2003-04 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union work with the University of Alberta administration in securing the needed funds from the provincial government;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union work with the University of Alberta administration in a campaign that asks the provincial government to bring funding for Alberta Universities up to the national average; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union work with the University of Alberta administration in identifying savings in the University budget, for the purposed of funding a tuition freeze.

TUITION FORUMS

November 21

Tuition Forum: **Isn't 209% Enough?**
 2:00 pm, SUB Stage

November 28

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 2:00 p.m. SUB Stage

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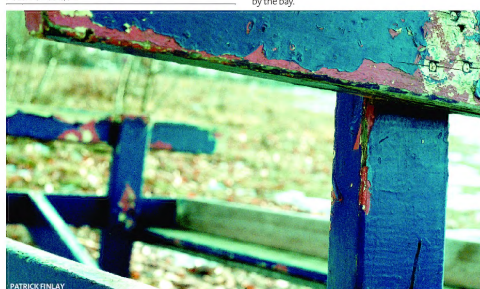
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